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FRANCE - JUNE 18-22

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1. PARTY DAILY SCINTEIA
OF JUNE 20 ANNOUNCED PRESIDENT
GISCARD D'ESTAING'S AGREEMENT TO VISIT ROMANIA "WITHIN NEXT
FEW MONTHS," PLACING IT IN CONTEXT OF DEVELOPMENT OF MULTI-
FACETED BILATERAL RELATIONS AND CAUSE OF WORLD PEACE. THESE
SUBJECTS, AS WELL AS EUROPEAN SECURITY, DISARMAMENT, AND
AREAS OF WORLD CONFLICT WERE CITED AS SUBJECTS DISCUSSED
IN ATMOSPHERE OF CORDIALITY.

2. IN SYNOPSIS OF VISIT ON JUNE 22, SCINTEIA CITED "CON-
VERGENCE OF POINTS OF VIEW ON NUMEROUS PROBLEMS" IN DE
GUIRINGAUD-ANDREI TALKS AND "FULL ACCORD" IN THE IMPOR-
TANCE OF STRENGTHENING DETENTE AND APPLICATION BY ALL
SIGNATORIES OF HELSINKI ACCORDS. PEACEFUL SOLUTION OF
CONFLICTS BETWEEN PARTIES INVOLVED, FOREWARD MOVEMENT
ON EFFECTIVE DISARMAMENT AND ACHIEVEMENT OF A NDW WORLD
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ECONOMIC ORDER WERE CITED AS CONCERNS OF IMPORTANCE TO
BOTH PARTIES. FRENCH FONMIN ALSO ACCEPTED AN INVITATION
TO VISIT ROMANIA IN THE (UNSPECIFIED) FUTURE.

3. OTHER FRENCH NOTABLES MENTIONED AS HAVING RECEIVED
ANDREI WERE:
-- ALAIN POHER, PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, WHO EXPRESSED HIS

HOPE OF SEEING PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU DURING HIS "IMPENDING VISIT" TO ROMANIA,

-- JACQUES CHABAN-DELXMS, PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, WHO STATED HE HOPED TO VISIT ROMANIA IN 1979.

-- FRANCOIS MITTERAND, WHO SAID HE HOPES "PRESENTLY" TO VISIT ROMANIA,

-- LUCIEN NEUWIRTH, PRESIDENT OF FRENCH-ROMANIAN FRIENDSHIP

GROUP IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY--WHO APPARENTLY DOESN'T FIGURE AMONG FUTURE VISITORS.

4. GEORGES MARCHAIS? THERE WAS NO MENTION OF PCF CHIEF OR ANY CONTACT AT ALL WITH FRENCH COMMUNISTS, WHICH SEEMS CURIOUS. MORE OFTEN THAN NOT, FINAL CALL PAID DURING SUCH VISITS AS ANDREI'S IS TO THE LOCAL COMMUNIST PARTY HEAD--ONE WOULD ASSUME IN ORDER TO BRIEF LOCAL COMRADES ON THE VISIT. ANDREI WAS--UNTIL HIS RECENT APPOINTMENT AS FONMIN-APARTY SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND IT STRIKES US AS UNUSUAL THAT HE WOULD NOT HAVE TOUCHED BASE WITH PCF. NO WONDER IF THERE MAY HAVE BEEN SOME FRENCH CONSIDERATION--INTERNAL DEBATE WITHIN PCF AND CENTRAL COMMITTEE PLENUM THEN IN PROGRESS OR SENSITIVITIES OF HIS OFFICIAL HOSTS (REFTEL)--RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS FAILURE TO DO SO.

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